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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

It has come to this office's attention that the communication equipment installed on Mount Baldy owned and maintained by the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club can no longer be considered reliable. What is of concern is that the repeater system used by the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club is fifteen years old and requires constant maintenance. Even with the maintenance the system is undependable an unacceptable percentage of time. This is causing an inconvenience to CKPR, (owners of the tower) on Mount Baldy on which the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club antenna is installed.

Members of the L.A.R.C. must continually seek permission from CKPR to work on their system. The radio station has been most kind and cooperative in this regard, however, have stated the L.A.R.C. equipment at Mount Baldy must be upgraded to an acceptable level of reliability if the L.A.R.C. is to continue using the tower.

The Thunder Bay Area Emergency Measures Organization has and continues to rely heavily on the L.A.R.C. for communications support during an emergency. This support has been called upon numerous times over the past 23 years. There is no other communications support in the Thunder Bay Area E.M.O. that could be called upon or even provide the emergency communications the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club does. This service is provided voluntarily and without cost to the Thunder Bay Area E.M.O.

Without their willing and competent support, many of the outlying areas in particular would be hard pressed to establish sufficient communication links to deal with an emergency of any magnitude.

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Should the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club not be able to function reliably when called upon, a problem situation could readily develop in terms of command, control and coordination of an emergency. It has been proven on numerous occasions that when there is inadequate or no communications, control of the situation will deteriorate rapidly with serious repercussions.

The Thunder Bay Area Emergency Measures Organization fully supports the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club not only for the volunteer communication service provided by the Club during an emergency, but also for the many other services provided to the public.

It is respectfully requested that any assistance that can be given to the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club would be most worthwhile and certainly appreciated by the Thunder Bay Area E.M.O.

Yours truly,



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